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42nd Annual Turkey Trot To Take Place Next Thursday

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(November 17, 2005- TROY)- The 42nd Annual Turkey Trot will feature four races on Thanksgiving, including an open 10K hosted by the Adirondack Association open men's and women's 10k road race championships. Adirondack membership is required for championship awards. Separate USATF Adirondack Association awards will be awarded to the top individual male and female athletes and to the top club team athletes.

"For 42 years, the City of Troy has been the place to be for runners and their families on Thanksgiving morning," Mayor Harry J Tutunjian said. "Once again that will hold true. We have an extremely full lineup this year, providing fun for the entire family."

The schedule for this fun filled day is as follows:

Turkey Walk: 8 a.m.

Grade School Mile: 8:30 a.m.

Open 5K: 9:15 a.m. Open 10K: 10:15 a.m.

Each of the races begins and ends at Troy City Hall, with marked turns along the course depending upon the distance each person is running. For the second consecutive year, an added bonus to the Turkey Trot will feature a 9 a.m. Mascot Race with sports teams and businesses from around the region being represented. On Thursday Hannaford Hank squared off with the Troy Turkey for the right to be the official starter for the races on Thanksgiving.

"Hannaford Supermarkets is proud to support a Capital Region Thanksgiving Tradition, the Troy Turkey Trot. It's a race that brings friends and family together for healthy activity, whether it is the walk or the various runs," said Kevin Hill, Capital Region District Manager for Hannaford Supermarkets. "We look forward to sharing the spirit of this day with residents of the Capital Region, and we wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday."

To register for the event, prospective runners should visit the City of Troy website at www.troyny.gov/turkeytrot. Beginning next week, late registrants should call the Gobbler Line at 235-8993. Volunteers are also still needed to distribute fruit and water to runners.

"If you have never experienced the Troy Turkey Trot first hand, this is the year to do it," Tutunjian said. "When we say there will be something for the whole family- we mean it. Whether it's the 5K run, the Turkey Walk, or the Mascot Race, the Trot festivities are sure to get you and your family in the holiday mood."

Sponsors of the event are the City of Troy, Pioneer Savings Bank, Hannaford Supermarkets, Bryce Real Estate, Wm. J. Fagan & Sons, Fly 92, and Saratoga Spring Water.